

REMARKS

This application contains claims 1-7, 9-17, 19-28 and 30-32. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9, 10, 11, 14-16, 22 and 25-27 are hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7, 11-17, 22-28 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Tso et al. (U.S. Patent 6,421,733) in view of Mason (U.S. Patent 7,089,330). Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 11 and 22 in order to clarify the distinction of the present invention over the cited art. Dependent claims 2, 4-6, 9, 10, 14-16 and 25-27 have been amended, as well, for proper antecedence in view of the amendment to the independent claims. The amendment adds details of the class structure and operation of the servlet recited in the claims, as described in the servlet class hierarchy on pages 12-14 in the specification, as well as of the operation of the classes of the servlet, as shown in Fig. 2 and described on pages 16-17 of the specification.

Independent claims 1, 11 and 22, as amended, recite a novel use of a servlet to enable clients to request a certain portion of a media file. In response to the client request, a first servlet class is activated in order to parse the request and to identify the portion of the media file requested by the client and the format of the media file. The first servlet class instantiates a second servlet class, which inherits an interface from an abstract parser class and is specified to handle the format of the media file. This second servlet class parses the media file and selects the elements of the media file to be transferred to the client.

Tso describes a system for dynamically transcoding data, using a HTTP remote proxy in conjunction with a parser and transcode service providers (Fig. 3 and col. 3, lines 31-

65). The Examiner acknowledged that Tso does not disclose servlets as defined in the claims of the present patent application.

Mason describes a method for generating Web pages using Java Server Page (JSP) technology, in which custom content generation tags are transformed into a format that Web browsers are able to interpret (col. 2, lines 7-16 and 36-50). The transformation is carried out by a transformation engine, using stylesheets (col. 4, lines 42-46). Mason mentions that a servlet may include or use this transformation engine (col. 8, lines 47-49). Mason, however, neither teaches nor suggests the type of servlet structure and operation that are recited in amended claims 1, 11 and 22.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 11 and 22, as amended, are patentable over the cited art. In view of the patentability of these independent claims, dependent claims 2-7, 12-17, 23-28 and 32 are also believed to be patentable.

Claims 9, 10, 19-21, 30 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Tso in view of Mason and further in view of Kalra et al. (U.S. Patent 6,490,627). In view of the patentability of amended independent claims 1, 11 and 22, dependent claims 9, 10, 19-21, 30 and 31 are also believed to be patentable.

Furthermore, notwithstanding the patentability of the independent claims in this application, Applicant respectfully submits that the dependent claims recite independently-patentable subject matter. In the interest of brevity, however, Applicant will refrain from arguing the independent patentability of the dependent claims at present.

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Applicant believes the amendments and remarks presented above to be fully responsive to all of the grounds of rejection raised by the Examiner. In view of these amendments and remarks, all of the claims now pending in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance and reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested. Prompt notice of the allowance of this application is thus requested.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-628-5197.

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